

# #SIGNAL2022

7<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Israel's China Policy

## U.S.- China Competition, Meet the Middle East

Hybrid Conference  
Thursday | December 8 | 2022

In-Person Plenary Sessions Broadcasted Live from  
ZOA House Tel Aviv, Israel

**8-11am**

U.S. Eastern

**2-5pm**

Central European

**3-6pm**

Jerusalem/Cairo

**5-8pm**

Abu Dhabi

**6.30-9.30pm**

New Delhi

**9pm-midnight**

Beijing/Singapore

## Conference Agenda

Inaugurated in 2016, SIGNAL's Annual Conference Series on Israel's China Policy draws together senior Israeli and international participants from government, business, and academia to assess China-Israel relations, China's engagement in the Middle East, and the geopolitical implications of China's role on the world stage. While specific themes vary every year, the mission of the conference series is to inform Israeli policy thinking on evolving relations with China.

Convened ahead of the year end, the 2022 SIGNAL Conference will be particularly timely in taking stock of the primary drivers shaping Israel's China Policy. The conference will examine the implications and unfolding dynamics of the Sino-American rivalry in the Middle East. In recent months, the U.S. has publicly acknowledged the growing influence of China in the region and has prioritized its redress, while enlisting its regional allies to support its global priorities in challenging China's rise.

In the meantime, as SIGNAL's in-house research will show, China continues to consider the Middle East a major geo-economic and geo-political arena demonstrated by enhanced diplomatic engagement and the expanding rollout of China's Digital Silk Road and BRI projects that continue to enjoy ongoing funding. These trends will inform the formulation of Israel's China policy. This forthcoming policy is expected to portray a new assessment of the balance of risks and opportunities in bilateral transactions.

Therefore, the SIGNAL 2022 conference will also assess U.S. allies' and partners' scope of agency and maneuverability amid the great power rivalry.

# Welcome

## Dedication of the Goodman Family Research Fellowship

Ms. **Carice Witte**, Founder & Executive Director, SIGNAL – Sino-Israel Global Network & Academic Leadership

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# A China Policy for Israel: What Would it Take?

When it comes to managing its foreign affairs, Israel has largely refrained from articulating a policy. However, considering the uniqueness of China as a world actor and the intensifying competition between the U.S. and China, Israel's traditional approach might not suffice. What lessons can Israel learn from other nations' experiences?

- Ms. **Carice Witte**, Founder & Executive Director, SIGNAL – Sino-Israel Global Network & Academic Leadership
  - The Honorable **David Schenker**, Taube Senior Fellow and Director of the Program on Arab Politics, Washington Institute; Former U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs
  - Mr. **George Cunningham**, Former Strategic Advisor on Asia-Pacific at the EU External Action Service
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# The China-U.S. Rivalry: The Inside View from Jerusalem

In recent years, Israeli officials – be it political appointees and office holders or senior civil servants – avoid public discussion of policy issues related to China and the great power rivalry. In lieu, top Israeli commentators will offer their understanding of how Jerusalem views the U.S.-China power struggle.

- Mr. **Barak Ravid**, Diplomatic Correspondent at Walla News & Axios Middle East Correspondent
  - Ms. **Lahav Harkov**, Senior Contributing Editor and Diplomatic Correspondent, The Jerusalem Post
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# Keynote Address

**Dr. Jung H. Pak**

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Multilateral Affairs and for Global China issues, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, U.S. Department of State

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## Aligning, Maneuvering, or Squirming? U.S. Allies and Partners Amid the Great Power Rivalry

This session will focus on the agency of U.S. allies and partners as the competition and discord between the two great powers deepens and intensifies. While the policy gaps concerning China between the U.S. and its allies have overall narrowed, the escalating tech rivalry may have an opposite effect. Meanwhile, China has a vested interest in maintaining and developing its relations with U.S. allies and partners .

- Ambassador Dr. **Dore Gold**, Former President of the Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs; Former Director General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Former Permanent Representative of the State of Israel to the United Nations
  - The Honorable **Bonnie Glick**, Former Deputy Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development; Inaugural Director, Krach Institute for Tech Diplomacy, Purdue University
  - Dr. **ZHAO Hai**, Director, International Political Studies, National Institute for Global Strategy, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences
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  - Mr. **James Crabtree**, Executive Director, IISS-Asia, Singapore
  - **Moderator:** Mr. **Tommy Steiner**, Policy Director, SIGNAL – Sino-Israel Global Network & Academic Leadership
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# How will the U.S.- China Rivalry Shape the Middle East?

With China considering the Middle East as geo-strategically critical for its interests and the U.S. seeking to bolster its posture in the region to address China's global impact, the great power competition might well become the main driver shaping the future of the Near East – but how? In which directions?

- Mr. **Ehud Yaari**, Middle East Commentator, Channel 12 News Israel; Lafer International Fellow, Washington Institute for Near East Policy
- Dr. **Jonathan Fulton**, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Zayed University, Abu Dhabi; Nonresident Senior Fellow, Atlantic Council
- Dr. **Peter Howard**, Senior Advisor, Office of Regional and Multilateral Affairs, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, U.S. Department of State
- Prof. **SUN Degang**, Institute of International Studies, Fudan University, Shanghai
- **Moderator:** Ms. **Carice Witte**, Founder & Executive Director, SIGNAL – Sino-Israel Global Network & Academic Leadership

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## Concluding Address

Ambassador **Efraim Halevy**  
Former Chief of the Mossad

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# Roundtable Sessions

10:00-14:30

**In-person**

**By-Invitation**

**Chatham House Rule**

The roundtable sessions facilitate in-depth conversations on topical issues related to China and involving a limited number of senior practitioners and experts. Held under the Chatham House Rule, participation in these sessions is by personal invitation only.

## Welcome

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## The Great U.S.-China Tech Rivalry: Chips Falling

The struggle for technological supremacy between the U.S. and China is intensifying and has become the defining feature of the great power competition. In his recent speech to the 20th Congress of the Chinese Communist Party, President Xi vowed to "resolutely win the battle in the core technologies", while the Biden administration imposed the harshest and most sweeping export restrictions to prevent Chinese access to advanced chips. This session will assess the possible trajectories of the tech rivalry and its implications for Israel and the Middle East.

- The Honorable **Bonnie Glick**, Former Deputy Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development; Inaugural Director, Krach Institute for Tech Diplomacy, Purdue University
  - Mr. **Dan Catarivas**, Director General – Foreign Trade and International Relations, Manufacturers' Association of Israel
  - Mr. **Dale Aluf**, Director of Research and Strategy, SIGNAL – Sino-Israel Global Network & Academic Leadership
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# Will Indo-Pacific Waves Rock the Creaking Middle East Boat?

The ever-rising global strategic attention to the Indo-Pacific arena seems to have run in parallel to the apparent declining world interest in the Middle East. Recent developments, however, seem to challenge the validity of this observation. China pursues a holistic global viewpoint seeking to reshape the world order, recently articulated in President Xi's "Global Security Initiative." Meanwhile, the war in Ukraine and the China-Russia near alliance have ingrained the understanding in the U.S. and Europe that the Atlantic and Indo-Pacific arenas are essentially one front. It stands to reason that the landmass connecting both, the Middle East, is as strategically relevant. This session will explore the regional implications of the growing "strategic coupling" of the Middle East and the Indo-Pacific.

- The Honorable **David Schenker**, Taube Senior Fellow and Director of the Program on Arab Politics, Washington Institute; Former U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs
- Dr. **Jonathan Fulton**, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Zayed University, Abu Dhabi; Nonresident Senior Fellow, Atlantic Council
- Dr. **Gedaliah Afterman**, Head of the Asia Policy Program, Abba Eban Institute for International Diplomacy, Reichman University
- Mr. **Tommy Steiner**, Policy Director, SIGNAL – Sino-Israel Global Network & Academic Leadership



# Speakers' Biographies

## Ms. Carice Witte

Carice Witte is the Founder and Executive Director of SIGNAL (Sino-Israel Global Network & Academic Leadership), an Israeli policy organization that specializes on China-Israel relations. Ms. Witte initiated Chinese-Israeli Track-II exchanges in 2011. Having led over 1,000 briefings in China and Israel, she established a semi-annual China-Israel and annual China-Israel-U.S. Track-II dialogue in 2017. In 2011, Ms. Witte initiated the founding of Israel Studies Programs (ISPs) at universities across China, including an annual program held in Israel for Chinese faculty on teaching Israel Studies.



An expert on China and China-Israel relations, Ms. Witte is a leading contributor to defining this field of policy research in Israel. Ms. Witte has authored articles, research and policy analysis papers on Sino-Israel relations, trade policy, strategic communications, and global Jewry. Her research focuses on Israel's perspective on Xi Jinping Thought and its potential implications for the Middle East, Israel and the BRI, China in the Middle East, and China's foreign policy.

After immigrating to Israel from the US in 1987, and until forming SIGNAL, Ms. Witte pursued an entrepreneurial career in international real estate and Israeli high-tech, working with leading European banks. She is a graduate of Yale University. Ms. Witte lives in Israel with her 5 children and 3 grandchildren.

## Dr. Gedaliah Afterman

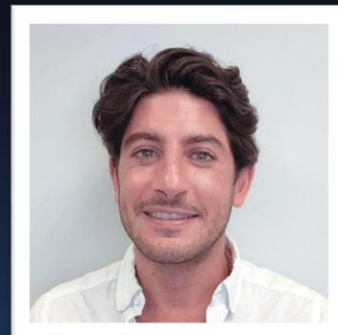
Dr. Afterman is the Head of the Asia Policy Program at the Abba Eban Institute for International Diplomacy, as well as an Adjunct Professor teaching Chinese foreign policy and major power relations at Reichman University, Herzliya. As an expert on China and East-Asia, Dr. Afterman also worked in the private and nonprofit sectors, having held the position of Director of Asia Business Development at O.L. Holdings, and worked as Fellow and China Program Lead for the Jewish People Policy Institute.



Earlier in his career, Dr. Afterman served as a diplomat at the Australian Embassy in Beijing, and as an International Strategic Policy Specialist for the Australian Department of Foreign Policy and Trade. Dr. Afterman holds a B.A in Philosophy and Religious studies from Hebrew University and earned his PhD in Philosophy from the University of Melbourne.

### Mr. Dale Aluf

Mr. Dale Aluf leads SIGNAL's interdisciplinary research team, developing in-depth knowledge and theories for policy practitioners working in the sphere of Sino-Israeli relations. Dale has been a Visiting Fellow at the Intellisia Institute in Guangzhou, China, where he researched China's Belt & Road Initiative, the Digital Silk Road, and social science perspectives on Artificial Intelligence. His areas of expertise include Chinese foreign policy, China-Middle East relations, the geopolitics of technology, cross-cultural analysis, and political psychology. Mr. Aluf's writing and commentary have appeared in *The Diplomat*, *Asia Times*, *Jerusalem Post*, *Calcalist*, *Ynet*, *N12*, *Times of Israel*, *East Asia Forum*, *Zawya*, and *Defense Horizon Journal*. Before joining SIGNAL in 2017, Dale worked as a profiler for eight years in Israel's aviation sector, conducting various security assessments in Africa, Asia, and Europe. While living in South Africa, he received training in cognitive neuropsychology and psychodynamic group analysis. Dale holds an MSc in Applied Psychology from the University of Liverpool and is a member of the International Society of Political Psychology.



### Mr. Dan Catarivas

Mr. Dan Catarivas is the Director General of the Foreign Trade and International Relations division at the Manufacturers' Association of Israel, as well as the Chairman of the Israel-EU Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Additionally, he is the Israeli coordinator of the India-Israel CEO forum, established after the visit of Indian Prime Minister Modi in 2017. Prior to joining the Manufacturers' Association of Israel in 2005, Mr. Catarivas had an extensive career in the Israeli government. He served as the Deputy Director General of the Ministry of Finance, held several positions at the Ministry of Economy and Industry, from Economic Attaché to Economic Advisor to the Minister, and represented the state of Israel abroad including in Beijing and Hong Kong. Earlier in his career, he held the position of Head of the International Relations Department at the Israeli Ministry of Science and Technology. Mr. Catarivas earned a bachelor's degree in Political Science and Economics from Hebrew University, an MSc in Economics from the London School of Economics (LSE), as well as a Diploma in Advanced European Studies from the College of Europe in Bruges.



### Mr. James Crabtree

Mr. Crabtree is the Executive Director of the Asia Office of the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) in Singapore. Prior to joining the IISS, he worked as an Associate Professor and Senior Research Fellow at the Lee Kuan Yee School of Public Policy, Singapore, from 2016 to 2021. Additionally, Mr. Crabtree worked at the *Financial Times* from 2010 to 2018, where he held the positions of Comment Editor, Bureau Chief in Mumbai as well as Contributing Editor. He writes columns for major publications such as the *Nikkei Asian Review*, *Foreign Policy* and *The Straits Time*, and is the author of "*The Billionaire Raj: A Journey Through India's New Gilded Age*" (Penguin Random House, 2018), which was

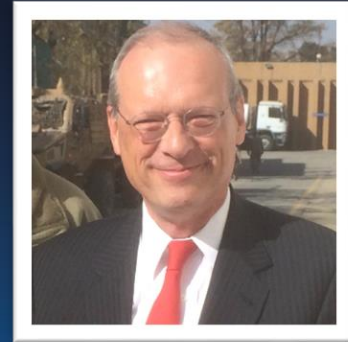




an Amazon book of the year. Mr. Crabtree earned a bachelor's degree in Government from the London School of Economics (LSE) and a Master of Public Policy from the Kennedy School of Government of Harvard University.

### Mr. George Cunningham

George Cunningham recently retired from the European External Action Service (EEAS) as its Strategic Adviser on Asia-Pacific Affairs. He was responsible for the EU's Strategy for Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific and was also the EU's Alternate Senior Official for the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) of Heads of State and Government. His previous service in the region has included having been the EU's Deputy Ambassador to Afghanistan; the EEAS Deputy Head of Division responsible for China; and Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of the EU's Delegation to New Zealand.



Before joining the EEAS, Mr. Cunningham worked for the European Commission, and served as EU Trade Coordinator with the United States, Head of Accession Process of the Commission's delegation to Cyprus, Head of Public Affairs and Political Counsellor of the Commission's delegation to the United Nations, as well as an Information and Communication Officer. Prior to his extensive career as an EU official, Mr. Cunningham worked for the United Nations, as well as for British Petroleum and British Telecom in the marketing field and founded the PACE international affairs organization to educate young British people on international relations. In 2005, he wrote his book "*Journey to become a diplomat*", published by the Foreign Policy Association of New York. Mr. Cunningham began his career as a Second Lieutenant of the British Army and holds a B.A and M.A in Modern History from the University of Oxford.

### The Honorable Bonnie Glick

Ms. Bonnie Glick is the inaugural director of the Krach Institute for Tech Diplomacy at Purdue, a senior advisor at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), as well as a Fellow at the Kennedy School of Government Institute of Politics at Harvard University. Ms. Glick served as the Deputy Administrator and Chief Operating Officer of the US Agency for International Development (USAID) from January 2019 to November 2020, having been nominated by then US President Donald Trump and unanimously confirmed by the US Senate for the position.



Prior to joining USAID, Ms. Glick worked as the Deputy Secretary of the Maryland Department of Aging, as Senior Vice President at the Meridian International Center, and held several executive positions at IBM from 2002 to 2014. Earlier in her career, Ms. Glick served as a diplomat of the US Department of State from 1990 to 2002. Ms. Glick earned a B.A in Government and International Relations from Cornell University, an M.A in International Affairs from Columbia University, and an MBA from the University of Maryland.



## Ambassador Dr. Dore Gold

Amb. Dr. Gold is the former president of the Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs. He was appointed to serve as Director General of the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs by then Prime Minister Netanyahu, a position he held from June 2015 to October 2016. Amb. Gold had previously served as an External Advisor on International Issues to PM Netanyahu, as well as the PM's Foreign Advisor and Envoy to the Palestinian Authority, Egypt, Jordan, and the Gulf States. He also served as an Advisor to PM Ariel Sharon. Amb. Gold took part in major negotiations involving the State of Israel, such as the Wye River negotiations, the negotiations on the Hebron Protocol, on the Monitoring Group for Southern Lebanon, and at the Madrid Peace Conference. Amb. Gold served as the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations from 1997 to 1999, after working as a Senior Research Associate and Director of the U.S Foreign and Defense Policy Project at the Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies (now known as the Institute for National Security Studies, or INSS). He is the author of "*The Rise of Nuclear Iran: How Tehran defies the West*" (Regnery, 2009), "*The Fight for Jerusalem: Radical Islam, the West, and the Future of the Holy City*" (Regnery, 2007), "*Tower of Babel: How the United Nations Has Fueled Global Chaos*" (Crown, 2004), and "*Hatred's Kingdom: How Saudi Arabia Supports the New Global Terrorism*" (Regnery, 2003). Amb. Gold earned his B.A, M.A and PhD in Political Science and International Affairs, with a focus on the Middle East and International Law, from Columbia University.



## Ambassador Efraim Halevy

Amb. Ephraim Halevy is the Former Head of the Mossad. In 1961, he joined the Mossad and served there for close to forty years in senior positions. He served as Deputy Head of Mossad from 1990 to 1995 and was subsequently appointed as Israel's Ambassador to the European Union. In 1998, Amb. Halevy was appointed Head of the Mossad. Having concluded his term as the Mossad chief in 2002, Prime Minister Sharon appointed him to head the National Security Council and serve as his National Security Advisor.



Following his retirement from government service in 2003, he headed the Center for Strategic Studies at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem until 2011. Amb. Halevy received the Director's Award from the Central Intelligence Agency for his decades-long contribution to the relations between Israel and the United States. In 2013, Amb. Halevy received the President Herzog prize for service to Israel in defense, security, and diplomacy. Mr. Halevy holds an M. Juris/LL.M. degree (cum laude) from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and was awarded an honorary doctorate degree from Bar-Ilan University.



### Ms. Lahav Harkov

Ms. Harkov is the Diplomatic Correspondent of the Jerusalem Post, where she covers Israel's foreign policy, and issues related to the Office of the Prime Minister and the National Security Council. Additionally, she is a Lecturer and Freelance Reporter, frequently writing for major publications such as The New York Post, The National Interest, or Makor Rishon among others.

Before joining the Jerusalem Post, she worked as a Project Coordinator at the Menachem Begin Heritage Center. Ms. Harkov holds a B.A in Communications and Political Science from Bar Ilan University, Ramat Gan.



### Dr. Peter Howard

Dr. Howard serves as a Senior Advisor for Middle East Security and Political Affairs at the Office of Regional and Multilateral Affairs of the U.S Department of State, where he previously held the role of Diplomacy Fellow as a Recipient of the AAAS Science and Technology Fellowship. Earlier in his career, Dr. Howard worked as an Assistant Professor and Director of Pre-College Programs at the American University.

He earned a double bachelor's degree in Math and Political Science from the Ohio State University, an M.A in Political Science from Columbia University, and a PhD in International Relations from American University.



### Dr. Jonathan Fulton

Dr. Fulton is an Assistant Professor of International Relations and Political Science at Zayed University, Abu Dhabi, as well as a Senior Research Fellow at the Atlantic Council, specializing in the relations between China and the Middle East. As an expert on the subject, Dr. Fulton wrote four books published by Routledge, namely "*China's Relations with the Gulf Monarchies*" (2019); "*External Powers and the Gulf Monarchies*" (2019); "*Regions in the Belt and Road Initiative*" (2020); as well as "*The Routledge Handbook on China-Middle East Relations*" (2022).

Dr. Fulton earned his B.A in Political Science from Dalhousie University, his M.A in Diplomacy and International Affairs from Staffordshire University, and his PhD in Political Science and Government from the University of Leicester.



### Dr. Jung H. Pak

Dr. Pak is the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Multilateral Affairs and Global China issues, as well as a Deputy Special Representative for the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) at the U.S Department of State. She previously worked as a Senior Fellow of the Brookings Institute, where she was also the SK-Korea Foundation Chair in Korean Studies at the Institute's Center for East Asia Policy Studies. Additionally, Dr. Pak worked as an Intelligence Officer at the Central Intelligence Agency and served as the Deputy National Intelligence Officer for Korea at the National Intelligence Council.



Earlier in her career, Dr. Pak taught American History at Hunter College, New York. She is the author of "*Becoming Kim Jong Un: A Former CIA Officer's Insights into North Korea's Enigmatic Young Dictator*", published by Ballantine in 2020. Dr. Pak is a graduate, Trustee Emerita and holder of an honorary doctorate from Colgate University, studied in South Korea as a Fulbright Scholar, and received her PhD from Columbia University.

### Mr. Barak Ravid

Mr. Ravid is a Diplomatic Correspondent for Walla News and a Middle East Contributing Correspondent for Axios. He previously worked as a Political Commentator on Channel 13 and Channel 11, as a Political Correspondent for Haaretz, and as a Commentator for Niv Raskin's morning radio show on the IDF Army Radio. He is the author of "*Trump's Peace*" about the Abraham Accords, published in 2021 by Yediot Books. Mr. Ravid served as an officer in the "8200" central intelligence unit of the IDF and earned a B.A in Middle Eastern History from the University of Tel Aviv.



### The Honorable David Schenker

Mr. David Schenker is the Taube Senior Fellow and Director of the Program of Arab Politics at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy. He served as Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs from June 2019 to January 2021, having been confirmed for the position by the US Senate. His role involved overseeing US policy in the Middle East, such as by consolidating the Abraham Accords or implementing the US China policy in the region, as well as being the main regional advisor to the US Secretary of State.



Mr. Schenker previously worked as the Aufzien Fellow of the Washington Institute and served as Levant Country Director in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, advising Pentagon leaders on defense-related affairs in the Levant, for which he was awarded the Medal for Exceptional Civilian Service of the Office of the Secretary of Defense in 2005. Earlier in his career, Mr. Schenker worked as the project coordinator of a contractor responsible for USAID programs in Egypt and Jordan. Mr. Schenker earned a B.A from the University of Vermont, an M.A from the University of Michigan, as well as a Certificate from the Center for Arabic Study Abroad at the American University in Cairo.

## Mr. Tommy Steiner

Tommy Steiner is the Policy Director of SIGNAL and is affiliated with several international policy institutes. Tommy is an Honorary Fellow of the Middle East Institute (MEI) at the National University of Singapore, an Associate Fellow at the Henry Jackson Society, and a Senior Fellow at Cevro Institute's Prague Center for Transatlantic Relations (PCTR). Concurrently, Tommy is an Adjunct Lecturer and teaches International Relations and Strategic Studies at the Lauder School of Government at IDC Herzliya, Israel.



Until recently, Tommy was a senior research fellow at IDC Herzliya's Institute for Policy and Strategy. A member of the founding team of the Annual Herzliya Conference Series, Tommy managed the Conference series from 2007 through 2013 – a period during which the Conference became considered one of the top international policy conferences. Tommy served as the executive director of the Atlantic Forum of Israel, a network-based policy organization that promoted and advanced Israel's relations with the Transatlantic Community and Europe, and which was especially instrumental in enhancing NATO-Israel relations. Tommy's fields of expertise include, global politics and international security, transatlantic relations, international relations of the Middle East, and Israel's foreign relations.

## Prof. SUN Degang

Prof. Sun is a professor of Political Science at the Institute of International Studies and the Director of the Center for Middle Eastern Studies at Fudan University, Shanghai. As an expert on China-Middle East relations, he was the Editor-in-Chief of the Asian Journal of Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies, as well as a professor and Deputy Director of the Middle East Studies Institute of the Shanghai International Studies University. Additionally, Dr. Sun was a visiting scholar at the Center for Middle Eastern Studies of Harvard University, a Senior Associate Member of St. Anthony's College at Oxford University, and an Academic Visitor to a number of other major institutions.



He co-authored in English "*Diplomacy of Quasi-alliances in the Middle East*" (Gerlach Press, 2020), "*The New Frontier of the Middle East Politics and Security*", (World Affairs Publisher, 2017), "*Conflict Resolution and Creation of Security Community in the Gulf Region*" (Gerlach Press, 2017), "*The Arab States of the Gulf and BRICS: New Strategic Partnerships in Politics and Economics*" (Gerlach Press, 2016), and "*Building a New Silk Road: China and the Middle East in the 21st Century*" (World Affairs Publisher, 2014). Dr. Sun earned a B.A from the Anhui Institute of Education, an M.A in Middle Eastern Studies and a Doctorate in International Affairs from the Shanghai International Studies University.



### Mr. Ehud Yaari

Mr. Ehud Yaari is an Israel-based Lafer international fellow of The Washington Institute. A Middle East commentator for Israel's Channel 12 television and former associate editor of Jerusalem Report, Mr. Yaari has been a Middle East commentator for Israeli television since 1975. Among his numerous awards for journalism are the Israeli Press Editors-in-Chief prize for coverage of the peace process with Egypt, the Sokolov Prize for coverage of the Lebanon War, and the Israel Broadcasting Award for coverage of the Gulf War.



Mr. Yaari's articles have appeared in respected newspapers and journals such as the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Washington Post, Foreign Affairs, and Atlantic Monthly.

### Dr. ZHAO Hai

Dr. Zhao Hai is the director of international political studies at the National Institute for Global Strategy, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (NIGS-CASS), one of the top government-affiliated think-tanks. He is concurrently a research fellow at the Institute of World Economics and Politics, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (IWEP-CASS). Dr. Zhao has done research on topics ranging from China-US relations, China's foreign policy to global governance. Besides academic publications, he is a frequent international affairs opinion contributor to the China Daily and a guest commentator at the China Radio International (CRI) and the China Global Television Network (CGTN).



Previously, Zhao Hai worked as a research fellow at the National Strategy Institute of Tsinghua University (NSI), and held various positions at think tanks in Chicago and Washington D.C. in the United States. Dr. Zhao obtained his PhD in international history from the University of Chicago. He also studied at the Hopkins-Nanjing Center for Chinese and American Studies and graduated from Peking University with a master's degree in World History, and dual bachelor's degree in history and law.

